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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE HIGH AND LOW SHEAR

RHEOLOGY OF MINERAL SLURRIES AND THE PRODUCTS DERIVED

THEREFROM

Inventor: Bomi M. Bilimoria

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. Application- 30 pages, including 1 independent claim and 81 claims total; and
- 2. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- 3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$	\$710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims			
Total Claims	81	-	20	61	x \$18		1098.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	0	x \$80		
							270.00
Subtotal						\$	2078.00
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4. A check for \$2078.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$710.00 filing fee; \$1098.00 additional claims fee; and \$270.00 presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/208,238 filed May 31, 2000.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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